



## **Embassy of India**

### **Bahrain**

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

The Embassy of India organised the Open House in virtual format on 30 July 2021 between 10:00 hrs to 12:00 hrs, during which Ambassador Piyush Srivastava directly interacted with the Indian community for redressal of their urgent/non-routine consular and labour issues.

Ambassador commended the Government of Bahrain for achieving milestone of 1 million of fully vaccinated population, as well as Manama being declared 'Health City 2021' by WHO; the first capital city in Middle East region to have received this honour. He has also thanked the Government of Bahrain, for its vaccination campaign, particularly their support to our special vaccination drive of Indian community members, who were unable to get vaccines due to some reasons.

Ambassador encouraged the community members to follow Kingdom's COVID advisory and protocols, as well as to get vaccinated to support Kingdom's efforts in fighting pandemic as well as for their own safety. Ambassador also called upon the community members, who are facing any kind of problems in registering for vaccination, to register with the Embassy at the following link:

<https://forms.gle/pMT3v1g3o4yVgnES8>

The link is also available at Embassy's website and social media handles.

Ambassador briefed the community about significantly improved COVID situation in India (daily infection coming down drastically to around 40,000; recovery rate touching 97%; and vaccination coverage crossing 450 million).

Ambassador informed the community that the Government of India is issuing vaccination certificates containing QR code along with passport number as well as indication of both doses of vaccines which would be helpful in hassle-free travel for vaccinated Indian citizens, particularly with Covishield/AstraZeneca vaccine, to Bahrain as and when travel restriction eases.

Ambassador also thanked Indian Associations particularly ICRF, World NRI Council and ATM for successfully resolving the cases of Mr. Madhu, Mr. Mohammed Khalid and rescue of 4 housemaids and their safe repatriation to India.

Ambassador briefed the community about the celebrations of 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of India's Independence. He urged the Indian Associations and the community members to join virtually the celebrations of Independence Day which would be held in the morning and evening on 15 August 2021. Links and details for the same will be shared at our social media handles.

It was a productive interactive session. The grievances/issues of the Indian community were successfully addressed; some resolved at the open house, while others will be taken up at the earliest possible. Ambassador thanked all the Indian associations and community members for their active participation in the open house.

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